

1 23. The emergency notification system for use in a
2 multimedia-capable network as set forth in claim 21,
3 wherein said alternative emergency alert scheme comprises
4 activating said subscriber's office computer for
5 notifying said incoming emergency message.

1 24. The emergency notification system for use in a
2 multimedia-capable network as set forth in claim 21,
3 wherein said alternative emergency alert scheme comprises
4 activating said subscriber's pager for notifying said
5 incoming emergency message.

1 25. The emergency notification system for use in a
2 multimedia-capable network as set forth in claim 21,
3 wherein said alternative emergency alert scheme comprises
4 activating said subscriber's mobile phone for notifying
5 said incoming emergency message.

1 26. The emergency notification system for use in a
2 multimedia-capable network as set forth in claim 21,
3 wherein said alternative emergency alert scheme comprises
4 activating said subscriber's office phone for notifying
5 said incoming emergency message.

1 27. The emergency notification system for use in
2 a multimedia-capable network as set forth in claim 21,
3 wherein said alternative emergency alert scheme comprises
4 activating said subscriber's home phone for notifying
5 said incoming emergency message.

1 28. The emergency notification system for use in a
2 multimedia-capable network as set forth in claim 21,
3 wherein said alternative emergency alert scheme comprises
4 activating said subscriber's personal digital assistant
5 (PDA) for notifying said incoming emergency message.

1 29. The emergency notification system for use in a
2 multimedia-capable network as set forth in claim 21,
3 wherein said alternative emergency alert scheme comprises
4 activating said subscriber's television (TV) set for
5 notifying said incoming emergency message.

1 30. The emergency notification system for use in a
2 multimedia-capable network as set forth in claim 21,
3 wherein said alternative emergency alert scheme comprises
4 activating said subscriber's laptop computer for
5 notifying said incoming emergency message.

1 31. The emergency notification system for use in a
2 multimedia-capable network as set forth in claim 21,
3 wherein said alternative emergency alert scheme comprises
4 activating said subscriber's palmtop computer for
5 notifying said incoming emergency message.

1 32. The emergency notification system for use in
2 a multimedia-capable network as set forth in claim 18,
3 wherein said message originator includes an authorized
4 individual.

1 33. The emergency notification system for use in a
2 multimedia-capable network as set forth in claim 18,
3 wherein said message originator includes an authorized
4 entity.

1 34. A computer-accessible medium operable with a
2 network element disposed in a multimedia-capable next-
3 generation network, said computer-accessible medium
4 carrying a sequence of instructions which, when executed
5 by at least one processing entity associated with said
6 multimedia-capable next-generation network, causes the
7 following steps to be performed:

8 upon receiving an incoming emergency message
9 from an authorized entity at a node serving a subscriber,
10 invoking a multimedia session engine to launch a call
11 treatment application for said subscriber;

12 based on at least a portion of parametric
13 information relating to said incoming emergency message,
14 querying an emergency notification profile associated
15 with said subscriber;

16 responsive to said step of querying,
17 determining by said call treatment application a
18 particular emergency alert scheme to be provided with
19 respect to said incoming emergency message; and

20 actuating a subscriber-selectable device for
21 effectuating said particular emergency alert scheme.

1 35. The computer-accessible medium operable with a
2 network element disposed in a multimedia-capable next-
3 generation network as set forth in claim 34, wherein said
4 subscriber-selectable device comprises at least a portion
5 of a multimedia interface operable with said subscriber's
6 terminal.

1 36. The computer-accessible medium operable with a
2 network element disposed in a multimedia-capable next-
3 generation network as set forth in claim 34, wherein said
4 particular emergency alert scheme comprises providing at
5 least one of an audio transmission, a video transmission,
6 a graphics transmission, a paging transmission, and an
7 email transmission.

1 37. The computer-accessible medium operable with a
2 network element disposed in a multimedia-capable next-
3 generation network as set forth in claim 34, further
4 comprising another sequence of instructions for selecting
5 an alternative emergency alert scheme when said
6 particular emergency alert scheme is unavailable.

1 38. The computer-accessible medium operable with a
2 network element disposed in a multimedia-capable next-
3 generation network as set forth in claim 37, wherein said
4 alternative emergency alert scheme comprises activating
5 at least one of the following devices for notifying said
6 incoming emergency message based on said emergency
7 notification profile associated with said subscriber: a
8 home computer, an office computer, a pager, a mobile
9 phone, a home phone, an office phone, a personal digital
10 assistant (PDA), a television (TV) set, a laptop computer
11 and a palmtop device.